(c) what facilities are available to the tourists who visit Pongong and Tso-Morari Lakes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Central Department of Tourism has made a film and brought out a brochure on Ladakh. It has also sanctioned an amount of Rs. 6.22 lakhs for celebration of Ladakh Festival during 1992-93.

(b) With financial assistance from the Centre, wayside facilities at Jispa in Himachal Pradesh and Rumtse in Jammu & Kashmir have been constructed. Financial assistance amounting to Rs. 15.00 lakhs has also been sanctioned for setting up of Tented Accommodation on Leh-Manali Road.

(c) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir proposes to construct a Tourist Lodge at Pongong and Tourist Huts at Tso Morari Lakes in 1993-94.

Development Tourists spots in the country

812. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the places of tourist interest in Haryana are being maintained/prepared to attract the Indian & International tourists;

(b) if so, the reasons for which Government have not brought upto this level other tourist places in the country;

(c) the measures taken by Government to attract more tourists in these places;

(d) the finances allocated by Government for this purpose to Government of Haryana;

(e) whether Government propose to increase the funds for tourism purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (f) Development of a place for tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Centre extends financial assistance to the State Governments on project to project basis. The Government of India publicises and markets tourist destinations through publicity and other marketing efforts in overseas markets.

During the last two years, an amount of Rs. 6457.01 lakhs was sanctioned as compared to Rs. 5713.54 lakhs sanctioned during the Seventh Five Year Plan, for augmenting tourist facilities throughout the country. An amount of Rs. 376.60 lakhs was sanctioned to the State Government of Haryana during the Seventh Five Year Plan and Rs. 389.47 lakhs was sanctioned during the last two years.

Daily air service to Patna and Ranchi

813. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to introduce daily morning and evening air services from Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras to Patna and Ranchi in Bihar;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce daily Vayudoot service from Calcutta to Patna; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Phase III at Bombay Airport

814. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct Phase-III at Bombay airport; and